

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018 AT TRINIDAD TOWN HALL, 409 TRINITY STREET

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Rotwein called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. In attendance: Committee Members Kenny, Cuthbertson, Rotwein, Morehead, Ibis, Laos; City staff Price-Hall; Absent: Myers, Brown.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kenny/Cuthbertson moved to approve minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting as corrected. Motion passed.

III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

Rotwein: Sent letters to the Trinidad Rancheria and Yurok Tribe regarding appointment of alternates. There was a government to government meeting with the Yurok Tribe on 8/20/19. Susan mentioned the request to the tribal council to appoint trail committee alternates so there would be a representative at the meeting that could vote. The Gallindo trail was also discussed. Rotwein noted that the tribes still need to provide information about burial location and affiliation. Cuthbertson: Could the trail be limited to the areas above the storm water drainage pipe?

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Cuthbertson provided the suggestion that the City close all the trails since they're not going to maintain them. He stated that the City will not maintain City property and that Wagner Street Trail is full of berry bushes. Trail closure signs are not always where they should be.

Kenny said that as a regular trail user, the "closed" sign should be placed when it will actually be closed.

Morehead asked about the City's Trail Maintenance Budget. Rotwein said it is \$5,000 for the year and that grants should be developed. Morehead also reported that the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT) has worked with landowners on Parker Creek Trail and TCLT has offered to pay for and perform trail improvements from the culvert down to the steps. Morehead will present this offer to the City Manager to clarify permitting and cultural monitoring. TCLT had a grant for one week of free labor for Scenic Drive improvements. A porta potty was installed at Houda Point because neither the City, Rancheria or County has responsibility for this. On the Luffenholtz State Beach Property, the State owns, and neither the state nor the County maintains, so the TCLT just signed an agreement with the State to maintain Luffenholtz Beach. TCLT wants to work more closely with the City. Morehead recommends that in addition to policy development, the committee develop a needs and recommendation list for action by City Council.

Ibis requested the Trail Committee Packet and asked about an overarching plan and figuring out how much time Public Works (PW) has for maintenance so priorities could be made. The Committee should check in with PW about what is reasonable and realistic. Could there be trail maintenance work days?

Cuthbertson asked if someone could go out to get bids for all the work? Rotwein said there are urgent needs and there are long-term needs. Cuthbertson didn't think it would take long to get it all done.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Signage Recommendations

This item was tabled until October.

2. City of Trinidad Trails Policy

Susan handed out a draft mission/vision of the group for consideration and discussion. This was drawn from the Trails Policy in the 2001 draft General Plan Trail Plan.

Cuthbertson said there used to be prison crews to maintain trails. Rotwein has requested the crews.

The committee discussed the Chapters 3 and 4 from the Antelope Valley Trail Manual.

- When trails are upgraded, what is the standard that will be used?
- Trails should be brought to ADA standards when possible.
- Kenny would like to see general rules for vegetation management and maintenance for all trails except Trinidad Head and Wagner Street which have specific rules.
- What trail widths are physically possible?
- Should PW do the trail monitoring on an annual basis and provide a plan for maintenance?
- Could there be a repository of trail reports that complies with the Brown Act?

Committee members volunteered to complete reports for the following:

- Kenny – Parker Creek and down to Old Home Beach
- Kenny – Underwood trail down to State Park Bluff (Ewing Street)
- Rotwein – Trinidad Head
- Cuthbertson – Old Wagon Rd Trail
- Ibis – Axel Lindgren Trail
- Kenny – Groth Lane Trail to Parker Creek Trail
- Ibis – Harbor Trail: flagpole to Van Wycke and downhill on Gallindo
- Morehead – State Park Trails within City limits.

VII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

1. Discuss trail monitoring results (with Public Works?)
2. Prioritize Action Items
3. Landowner –trail easement issues

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M. Next meeting scheduled for 4:30 September 18th, 2018.

Submitted by:

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Approved by:

Susan Rotwein
Mayor